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APPEAL BRIEF

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i. Real party in interest

This application is assigned to American Management Systems (AMS), Inc., as evidenced by an Assignment recorded at Reel/Frame 011891/0634.

AMS has since combined with CGI, with the combined company being referred to as "CGI-AMS". Therefore, the real party in interest is CGI-AMS.

ii. Related appeals and interferences

There are no other prior or pending appeals, interferences or judicial proceedings known to appellant, the appellant's legal representative, or assignee which may be related to, directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

iii. Status of the claims

Claims 1, 4, 6, 29-31, 73-74, and 93-100 are rejected, and are being appealed.

Claims 2-3, 5, 7-28, 32-72 and 75-92 have been canceled.

iv. Status of amendments

A Response After Final was filed on April 28, 2006. The Response After Final was entered.

There are no unentered Amendments filed subsequent to a final rejection.

v. Summary of claimed subject matter

Independent claim 1 recites a method comprising dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, and users 301, 302 and 303, in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. Claim 1 further recites providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile. See,

for example, executable 202 and e-procurement system 200 in FIG. 2, and users 301, 302, 303, e-procurement system 300, and application system 326 or 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 26, line 10, of the specification. As recited in claim 1, the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, to thereby implement user requested transactions via the executable on the shared executable hosted e-procurement system. See, for example, page 25, lines 8-12; page 30, lines 11-18; and Table III on page 32, of the specification.

Independent claim 6 recites a method comprising dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing data definitions which define data fields required to implement user requested transactions, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, and users 301, 302 and 303, in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. See also, for example, FIG. 6; Table III on page 32; page 18, lines 11-17; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application. See, for example, page 18, line 11, through page 22, line 15; and page 45, lines 6-12, of the specification. Claim 6 also recites the method comprising providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users. See, for example, executable 202 and e-procurement system 200 in FIG. 2, and users 301, 302, 303, e-procurement system 300, and application system 326 or 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 26, line 10, of the specification. Further, claim 6 recites the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction of a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and transmitting, to the application system, data fields defined by the data definitions contained in the accessed organizational profile and required by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction. See, for example, page 18, line 11, through page 22, line 15; and page 45, lines 6-12, of the specification.

Independent claim 29 recites a method comprising dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, and users 301, 302 and 303, in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. See also, for example, FIG. 6; Table III on page 32; page 18, lines 11-17; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application. Claim 29 also recite the method comprising providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-

procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the organizational profile. See, for example, executable 202 and e-procurement system 200 in FIG. 2, and users 301, 302, 303, e-procurement system 300, and application system 326 or 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 26, line 10, of the specification. Moreover, claim 29 recites that the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the accessed organizational profile or for the users associated with the accessed organizational profile. See, for example, page 25, lines 8-12; page 30, lines 11-18; and Table III on page 32, of the specification.

Independent claim 73 recites an apparatus comprising a plurality of financial systems, and a plurality of users, each user associated with a respective organizational profile of a plurality of dynamically maintained organizational profiles, each profile containing integration preferences. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, users 301, 302 and 303, and systems 326 and 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. See also, for example, FIG. 6; Table III on page 32; page 18, lines 11-17; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application. Claim 73 also recites the apparatus comprising a shared executable hosted e-procurement system storing the plurality of organizational profiles. See, for example, e-procurement system 300 in FIG. 3. Moreover, claim 73 recites that the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective financial systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile. See, for example, page 25, lines 8-12; page 30, lines 11-18; and Table III on page 32, of the specification. In addition, claim 73 recites that the shared executable hosted e-procurement system has an executable which is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with a selected financial system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and interacting with the selected financial system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile. See, for example, executable 202 in FIG. 2, and e-procurement system 300 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 17, line 21, through page 18, line 10; page 22, line 16, through page 26, line 10; page 45, line 6, through page 46, line 18, of the specification.

Dependent claim 94 recites that the organizational profiles include data fields needed by

the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction, and that the needed data fields are transmitted to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system. See, for example, and Table III on page 32; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application.

Dependent claims 96 and 97 recite that the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences. See, for example, page 32, lines 3-9, and the first paragraph on page 43, of the specification.

Independent claim 98 recites an apparatus comprising a plurality of application systems, and a plurality of users, each user associated with a respective organizational profile of a plurality of dynamically maintained organizational profiles, each profile containing integration preferences and data fields. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, users 301, 302 and 303, and systems 326 and 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. See also, for example, FIG. 6; Table III on page 32; page 18, lines 11-17; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application. See, for example, page 18, line 11, through page 22, line 15; and page 45, lines 6-12, of the specification. Claim 98 also recites the apparatus comprising a shared executable hosted e-procurement system storing the plurality of organizational profiles. See, for example, e-procurement system 300 in FIG. 3. Moreover, claim 98 recites that the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective application systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile. See, for example, FIG. 6; Table III on page 32; page 18, lines 11-17; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application. Claim 98 further recites that the shared executable hosted e-procurement system has an executable which is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users. See, for example, executable 202 in FIG. 3, and e-procurement system 300 in FIG. 3, and page 45, line 19, through page 46, line 19, of the specification. Further, claim 98 recites that the executable implements a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with a selected application system of the plurality of application systems by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and interacting with the selected application system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, users 301, 302 and 303, and systems 326 and 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. See also, for example, FIG. 6; Table III on page 32; page 18, lines 11-17; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application. See, for example, page 18, line 11, through page 22, line 15; and page 45, lines 6-12, of the specification. In addition, claim 98 recites that the shared

executable hosted e-procurement system transmits, to the selected application system, data fields contained in the accessed organization profile and that are required for the selected application system to implement the respective user requested transaction. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, users 301, 302 and 303, and systems 326 and 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. See also, for example, FIG. 6; Table III on page 32; page 18, lines 11-17; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application. See, for example, page 18, line 11, through page 22, line 15; and page 45, lines 6-12, of the specification.

Claim 100 recites an apparatus comprising means for dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile. See, for example, organizational profiles 312, 314 and 316, and users 301, 302 and 303, in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 23, line 9, of the specification. Claim 100 also recites the apparatus comprising means for providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile. See, for example, executable 202 and e-procurement system 200 in FIG. 2, and users 301, 302, 303, e-procurement system 300, and application system 326 or 328 in FIG. 3, and the disclosure on page 22, line 16, through page 26, line 10, of the specification. In addition, claim 100 recites that the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, to thereby implement user requested transactions via the executable on the shared executable hosted e-procurement system. See, for example, page 25, lines 8-12; page 30, lines 11-18; and Table III on page 32, of the specification.

vi. Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal

Rejection of claims 1, 4, 6, 29-31, 73-74 and 93-100 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Dahan (US Patent No. 6,950,809)

vii. Argument

Rejection of claims 1, 4, 6, 29-31, 73-74 and 93-100 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Dahan (US Patent No. 6,950,809)

For the purpose of this rejection, claims 1, 4, 29-31, 93 and 100 are grouped together, as each of these claims relate to the use of "integration preferences".

The present invention as recited, for example, in claim 1, relates to a method comprising (a) dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and (b) providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

As recited, for example, in claim 1, the executable is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile.

As recited, for example, in claim 1, the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.

Claim 1 can be understood, for example, from FIGS. 2 and 3, and the corresponding portions of the specification.

Please note that claim 1 specifically recites the use of integration preferences. See, for example, page 25, lines 8-12; page 30, lines 11-18; and Table III on page 32, of the present application, relating to integration preferences.

Therefore, as indicated above, the present invention as recited, for example, in claim 1, relates to dynamically maintaining organizational profiles **containing integration preferences**, where **the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.**

Dahan does not disclose or suggest the above-described operation.

In Dahan, each party to a transaction has a profile identifier. The profile identifier for a respective party identifies a business entity with which the party is affiliated. See, for example, column 4, lines 28-35, of Dahan. The profile identifier is used to access a database to retrieve

information about the party. See, for example, column 4, line 51, through column 5, line 2, of Dahan.

However, in Dahan, the retrieved information is simply used by a rules engine to make a decision regarding a transaction. As described, for example, in column 5, lines 6-48, of Dahan, the decision might be a decision regarding the credit worthiness of a buyer. This decision would then be delivered to a seller.

No portion of Dahan discloses or suggest that integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how a shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with an application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, as recited, for example, in claim 1.

For example, no portion of Dahan indicates that an application system is interacted with in any different manner based on information associated with the profile identifiers in Dahan.

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For the purpose of this rejection, claim 73 is argued by itself, as this claim relates to "a plurality of" financial systems.

Please note that claim 73 specifically recites a **plurality of financial systems**, and that **the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective financial systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.**

Dahan does not disclose or suggest a shared executable hosted e-procurement system that interacts with a *plurality of* financial systems, and that integration preferences *determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective financial systems* as recited, for example, in claim 73.

For example, no portion of Dahan discloses or suggests a different manner of interacting with different financial systems in accordance with integration preferences in an organizational profile.

Instead, as indicated above, in Dahan, each party to a transaction has a profile identifier. The profile identifier for a respective party identifies a business entity with which the party is affiliated. See, for example, column 4, lines 28-35, of Dahan. The profile identifier is used to access a database to retrieve information about the party. See, for example, column 4, line 51, through column 5, line 2, of Dahan.

However, in Dahan, the retrieved information is simply used by a rules engine to make a decision regarding a transaction. As described, for example, in column 5, lines 6-48, of Dahan,

the decision might be a decision regarding the credit worthiness of a buyer. This decision would then be delivered to a seller.

Neither the profile identifier nor the information retrieved from the database in Dahan are used to determine how to interact with a respective financial system of a plurality of financial systems.

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For the purpose of this rejection, claims 6, 74, 94 and 95 are grouped together, as these claims relate to the transmission of data fields.

Claim 94 recites that **the organizational profiles include data fields needed by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction, and that *the needed data fields are transmitted to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system***. See, for example, and Table III on page 32; page 33, lines 5-10; page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that Dahan does not disclose or suggest such transmission of data fields. Instead, as indicated above, in Dahan, a profile identifier is used to access a database to retrieve information about a party, and the retrieved information is simply used by a rules engine to make a decision regarding a transaction.

Neither the profile identifier nor the information retrieved from the database in Dahan provide *data fields* needed by an application system to implement a user requested transaction, or indicate that such data fields are transmitted to the application system.

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For the purpose of this rejection, claims 98 and 99 are grouped together.

Claim 98 recites a **plurality of application systems**. Claim 98 also recites a plurality of users, each user associated with a respective organizational profile of a plurality of dynamically maintained organizational profiles, each profile containing **integration preferences and data fields**.

Moreover, claim 98 recites that the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective application systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.

In addition, claim 98 recites that the executable implements a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with a selected application system of the plurality of application systems by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and

interacting with the selected application system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile.

Further, claim 98 recites that the shared executable hosted e-procurement system transmits, to the selected application system, data fields contained in the accessed organization profile and that are required for the selected application system to implement the respective user requested transaction.

Therefore, claim 98 recites a combination of many of features that, as discussed above, are not disclosed in Dahan.

For example, as would be understood from the above discussion, Dahan does not disclose or suggest such use of *integration preferences* in an apparatus comprising a *plurality of* application systems.

Further, as would be understood from the above discussion, Dahan does not disclose or suggest such use of *data fields* in an apparatus comprising a *plurality of* application systems.

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For the purpose of this rejection, claims 96 and 97 are grouped together.

Claims 96 and 97 recite that the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences. See, for example, page 32, lines 3-9, and the first paragraph on page 43 of the present application.

As indicated above, in Dahan, each party to a transaction has a profile identifier. The profile identifier for a respective party identifies a business entity with which the party is affiliated. See, for example, column 4, lines 28-35, of Dahan. The profile identifier is used to access a database to retrieve information about the party. See, for example, column 4, line 51, through column 5, line 2, of Dahan.

However, in Dahan, the retrieved information is simply used by a rules engine to make a decision regarding a transaction. As described, for example, in column 5, lines 6-48, of Dahan, the decision might be a decision regarding the credit worthiness of a buyer. This decision would then be delivered to a seller.

No portion of Dahan discloses or suggest that integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how a shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with an application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, as recited, for example, in independent claim 1. Moreover, no portion of Dahan discloses or suggests that such integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences.

In rejecting claims 96 and 97, the Examiner refers to column 5, lines 44-48, of Dahan. However, this portion of Dahan simply indicates that a decision on a transaction is delivered to a

seller. For example, as described above, the retrieved information in Dahan is simply used by a rules engine to make a decision regarding a transaction. Column 5, lines 44-48 simply indicates that the decision is delivered to a seller in the transaction. This portion of Dahan does not disclose or suggest the specific use of integration preferences including encumbrance and payment preferences as recited, for example, in dependent claim 96 and 97 (which include the features of their corresponding base claims).

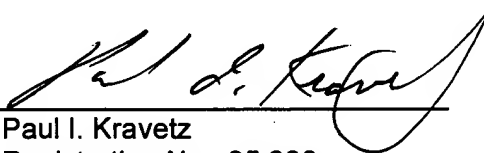
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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

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viii. Claims appendix

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method comprising:

dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and

providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile,

wherein the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, to thereby implement user requested transactions via the executable on the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

2. (CANCELED)

3. (CANCELED)

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the application system is a financial system.

5. (CANCELED)

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method comprising:

dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing data definitions which define data fields required to implement user requested transactions, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and

providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction of a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and transmitting, to the application system, data fields defined by the data definitions contained in the accessed organizational profile and required by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction.

7-28. (CANCELED)

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method comprising:

dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and

providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the organizational profile,

wherein the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the accessed organizational profile or for the users associated with the accessed organizational profile.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the application system is a financial system.

31. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein a financial system is a system used to track and manage financial resources.

32-72. (CANCELED)

73. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:

a plurality of financial systems;

a plurality of users, each user associated with a respective organizational profile of a plurality of dynamically maintained organizational profiles, each profile containing integration preferences; and

a shared executable hosted e-procurement system storing the plurality of organizational profiles, wherein

the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile

determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective financial systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, and

the shared executable hosted e-procurement system has an executable which is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with a selected financial system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and interacting with the selected financial system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile.

74. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus as recited in claim 73, wherein the organizational profiles contain data fields required by financial systems to implement user requested transactions, and

the shared executable hosted e-procurement system transmits, to the selected financial system from the accessed organizational profile, data fields required by the selected financial system to implement the respective user requested transaction.

75-92. (CANCELED)

93. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the shared executable hosted e-procurement system implements a respective user requested transaction by a respective user via the executable by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and transmitting financial information to the application system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organization profile, and

the application system is a financial system which manages funds required for the respective user requested transaction in accordance with the transmitted financial information.

94. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the organizational profiles include data fields needed by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction, the method further comprising:

transmitting the needed data fields to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

95. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the organizational profiles includes data fields needed by the application system to manage the funds for the respective user requested transaction, the method further comprising:

transmitting the needed data fields to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

96. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences.

97. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as recited in claim 93, wherein the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences.

98. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:

- a plurality of application systems;
- a plurality of users, each user associated with a respective organizational profile of a plurality of dynamically maintained organizational profiles, each profile containing integration preferences and data fields; and
- a shared executable hosted e-procurement system storing the plurality of organizational profiles, wherein
 - the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective application systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, and
 - the shared executable hosted e-procurement system has an executable which is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, wherein
 - the executable implements a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with a selected application system of the plurality of application systems by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and interacting with the selected application system in accordance with the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile, and
 - the shared executable hosted e-procurement system transmits, to the selected application system, data fields contained in the accessed organization profile and that are required for the selected application system to implement the respective user requested transaction.

99. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus as recited in claim 98, wherein the application system is a financial system which manages funds required for the respective user requested transaction in accordance with the transmitted data fields.

100. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:

- means for dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and
- means for providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile,

wherein the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, to thereby implement user requested transactions via the executable on the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

ix. **Evidence appendix**

No evidence is being submitted in an evidence appendix.

x. **Related proceedings appendix**

No information is being submitted in a related proceedings appendix.